

RESOLUTION NO. 2463

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERVISORS OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REGARDING
STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is constitutionally obligated to ensure a system of public education that meets the needs of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, because Pennsylvania has lacked an equitable education finance formula for more than two decades, many school districts, including the Norristown Area School District, have been forced to become overly reliant on local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in older and financially distressed towns like Norristown, with limited or declining tax bases and where municipal tax rates are already high relative to most surrounding suburban communities, high school taxes create an intolerable burden; and

WHEREAS, PA Senate Bill 850 proposes to roll back state funding for all school districts to 2006 levels, with students in the most financially distressed communities bearing the brunt of the cut; and

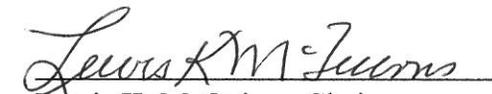
WHEREAS, any financial impact on Norristown and the Norristown Area School District will have a direct financial impact on East Norriton Township and its residents; and

WHEREAS, without additional state funding, the Norristown Area School District, will be forced yet again to raise property taxes to compensate for the lack of adequate state support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township calls on the governor, state representatives and state senators to do the right thing by backing education funding proposals that reduce the heavy burden already placed on the local property tax base and restore equity to a state education system that continues to leave too many children behind; and further directs the Township Manager to deliver a copy of this resolution to our state elected leaders.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township on the 28th day of July 2009.

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Lewis K. McQuirns, Chairman



ATTEST:


Donald D. Delamater, Secretary